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## The Farmers' National Bank

Appomattox, Virginia.


# HEART OF WEST GOES OUT TO SMITH

### Farmers Throng Cities to Take Part in Enthusiastic Ovations.

### HE PROMISES IMMEDIATE AND REAL FARM RELIEF

### Attacks Bigotry and Intolerance—Challenges the Ku Klux Klan—Exposes Hoover Stand on Water Power—Assails Republican Corruption.

Starting at Omaha, where in a brilliant speech he made a masterly analysis of the farm question, Governor Smith, swing through the West on his first speaking trip of the campaign was one continued triumphal progress.

At Omaha he lined himself square by side with the farmer, pledging himself to get the farmer a square deal. At Oklahoma City, two days later, with the applause and thanks of the farmers still rising on all sides, he turned with characteristic vigor and courage to the issue of religious tolerance.

At Denver he attacked the connections with the water power trust of the Republican party and the Republican candidate, and explained convincingly his own constructive program with regard to water power. Republican corruption, so sensationally revealed in the oil scandal investigations, he assailed in his address at the Montana State Fair at Helena.

Although comment on Governor Smith's farm speech at Omaha has particularly emphasized the warmth and friendship shown by the Democratic candidate for the farmers and his determination to give them the kind of help they want, sight has not been lost of the masterly grasp which he displayed of the farm problem.

Going directly to the heart of the farm question, he said "the trouble is that the farmer is buying in a highly protective market and he is selling in an unprotected one. Everything that is used in the operation of his farm except what he himself produces, is sold behind the tariff wall. It is supposed to function for him but does not."

**The Surplus**

"A great many of the crops of this country the farmer grows in excess of the needs of the domestic market. That is the 'bigger in the woodpile.' That is what you have got to pay your attention to, because as it stands to day, the farmer is compelled to offer it in the domestic market first, and the surplus tends to pull down the price that he receives for the whole crop."

Referring to broken Republican campaign promises of 1924, Governor Smith continued, "What did they mean by 'equality between agriculture and industries'? They meant to give the farmer the benefit of the tariff; they know they have not done it. The President knows it. Candidate Hoover knows it."

Governor Smith then proceeded to show that Herbert Hoover, the Republican candidate, has absolutely ignored this vital and fundamental part of the farm problem. Mr. Hoover is against the McNary-Haugen bill, was largely responsible for President Coolidge's vetoes of that measure and the only suggestion he has ever made for solving the surplus problem is to starve enough farmers into bankruptcy so that there will no longer be any surplus.

Pointing out the harsh cruelty of such a policy, which would mean that millions of farmers would lose their homes and be driven into the cities to find work, Governor Smith pledged himself to a constructive and humane method of saving the farmer from the unfair and ruinous operation of the tariff.

He said: "As I read the McNary Haugen bill, its fundamental purpose is to establish an effective control of the sale of exportable surplus, with the cost imposed upon the commodity benefited. For that principle the Democratic platform squarely stands and for that principle I squarely stand Mr. Hoover stands squarely opposed to this principle by which the farmer could get the benefit of the tariff.

"Here is a clean cut issue, which the farmers and voters of this country must decide. I pledge to the farmers and people of the country that no stone will be left unturned to give immediate and adequate farm relief by legislation, carrying into practice this principle for which my party and I stand."

**Whispering Campaign**

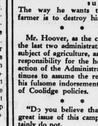
At Oklahoma City, pointing to his long record in New York public affairs and his four terms as Governor of the state, he denounced the secret and underhand campaign being waged by the Republicans to create prejudice in him on the grounds of his religion.

"There is no greater mockery in the world today," said Governor Smith, "than the burning of the cross, the emblem of Christ, and at the same time breathing hatred."

"I have the right to say that if there is any citizen in this country who believes that I can promote its welfare, that I am qualified to serve it, that I can help it safely through the next four years, and then votes against me because of my religion, he is not a real, pure, genuine American.

He showed that religious creeds had been a factor in defeating Democratic aspirants to office while Governor, Prosecutors having been named in the vast majority of cases and all creeds being represented.

## Gov. Smith Says---



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He (Hoover) wants to drive enough farmers out of business to pull down the surplus crops.

The way he wants to relieve the farmer is to destroy him.

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Mr. Hoover, as the chief adviser of the last two administrations, upon the subject of agriculture, assumed a direct responsibility for the hostility and inaction of the Administration, and continues to assume the responsibility by his following indorsement of the record of Coolidge policies.

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"D3 you believe that liquor is the great issue of this campaign?" I certainly do not.

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The absolute separation of state and church is part of the fundamental law of our Constitution. I believe in that separation and in all that it implies.

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I can think of no greater disaster to this country than to have the voters of it divided upon religious lines.

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If there is any citizen of this country who believes that I can promote its welfare, that I am capable of steering the ship of state safely through the next four years, and then votes against me because of my religion, he is not a real, pure, genuine American.

## The Farmer Finds A Real Champion

Governor Smith's speech on the farm question at Omaha, has set the western prairies on fire with enthusiasm for the Democratic candidate. That in Governor Smith the farmers have at last found a champion who is jumping into the fight for agricultural justice on their side is the keynote of all unbiased comment coming from the Western states.

Governor Smith went to Omaha, in the heart of America's great, farming empire, to tell the farmers that he is prepared immediately on election to take the leadership in getting the kind of agricultural legislation they have been vainly demanding from the Republicans for the past eight years. The response to this offer of friendship did action has been electric.

The people who till the soil and supply the nation with its food are now assured that if Governor Smith is elected they will see the standard of "Equality for Agriculture" hoisted to the flagstaff of the White House. They are expressing their enthusiasm in no uncertain terms.

Especially telling has been the contrast drawn between Governor Smith's pledges for the farmer and Herbert Hoover's policy of evasion. Hoover's hostility to Agriculture has been well known ever since his days as war-time Food Administrator. Now as Republican candidate he is trying desperately hard to cover up his bad past record, but his heart remains the same as before, and his only plan to solve the problem of the surplus crop is to starve the farmers out until there is no more surplus.

On such cruel and unjust policies, Governor Smith has turned his back. He offers the farmer prosperity and equality through the McNary-Haugen principles and the farmers are showing that they know him now as their best friend and chief hope.

## "YOUTH ENDANGERED"

PHILADELPHIA.—James F. Lucas, vice president of the Lucas Paint and Brush Company of Philadelphia, a well-known Republican for fifty years, has announced that he is "opposed to hypocrisy" and, accordingly, opposed to the election of Herbert Hoover. He added:

"I shall vote for Governor Smith because I believe his election would end conditions which are endangering the future of the younger generation."

## Political Activities Of Bishops Deplored By Methodist Laymen

### More Than One Hundred Join in Protest, Stuart and Peery Among Those Who Sign

Richmond, Va.—In a statement signed by "numerous friends and supporters" of the Southern Methodist Church, residing in the Roanoke district, Virginia, of the Holston Conference, it is charged that "four bishops" heading the recent dry conference at Asheville, N. C., are attempting to "promote the election of Herbert Hoover" and "to this end the church organization, as such, is being actively used as far as lies in the power of these bishops to fix the political policy of our church."

The protest is signed by one hundred and thirty-three prominent laymen, including former Governor Henry C. Stuart, and Congressman George C. Peery, of the Ninth District. It reads, in part, as follows:

From facts within the knowledge of us all it seems entirely clear that in an impending conflict in the coming presidential elections between one branch of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Democratic organization of Virginia and other Southern States.

The attitude of this branch of the church seems to have been formulated and defined by the pronouncements of four Methodist bishops in support of a third party recently organized by them at Asheville. The avowed object and purpose of this party is to promote the election of Herbert Hoover, the presidential nominee of the Republican party. To this end the church organization as such, with all its instrumentalities, is being used actively as far as lies in the power of these bishops, to fix the political policy for our church and its church literature, and to exert political influence on the presiding elders and the ministers and file of the ministers of the Gospel, and through them on the lay membership of the church. Space would forbid the recital of the specific attacks which sustain these statements. Certainly no candid and well informed man can deny the fact that every episcopa, who hold to the traditional and historic Methodist doctrine of the church. We recognize our obligations to the church and all its institutions, but we can not be looked to for spiritual guidance and that any attempt on the part of the church's superimpose political guidance or leadership can result only in harm to the church itself, if political leadership is attained, then spiritual leadership is lost. If a church can successfully exercise political leadership while performing its spiritual functions, then there can be no valid objection to the union of church and state, a status which is and has been always abhorrent to our institutions.

**Assault On The South**

The organized assault that is being made on South by the church is in effect an assault upon the Democratic party